



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 406
[2005 Senate Bill 651]

**Confidentiality of Child Welfare
Information**

2005 Act 406 does the following:

- Permits a county department of human services or social services, a licensed child welfare agency, or the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) (hereafter, an “agency”) to enter the content of any record kept or information received by the agency into the Wisconsin Automated Child Welfare Information System (WISACWIS), regardless of whether the record or information is about an individual in the care or legal custody of the agency.
- Permits access by a county department of human services or social services, DHFS, or an organization that has entered an information sharing and access agreement with the county department or DHFS, to information maintained in WISACWIS, regardless of whether that information concerns a client, if necessary to enable the department or organization to perform its duties, or to coordinate the delivery of services.
- Eliminates the requirement that an individual be notified before information about the individual is entered into WISACWIS.
- Eliminates access to information that is maintained in WISACWIS by the Department of Corrections (DOC) or by a county department of community programs or developmental disabilities services, if the DOC or such a county department has entered into an information sharing and access agreement with DHFS or a county department of human services or social services, and has been approved by DHFS for access to WISACWIS.

Effective Date: 2005 Wisconsin Act 406 takes effect on May 25, 2006.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.